

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) A molded plastic container comprising an upper mouth-forming portion, a lower base-forming portion and a substantially cylindrical sidewall portion extending between said upper mouth-forming portion and said lower base portion, said upper mouth-forming portion including a neck having at least one thread to secure a cap to said upper mouth forming portion and a non-circular anti-rotation flange to at least partially inhibit full rotation of said container as the cap is inserted on said container, said non-circular anti-rotation flange including an outer peripheral edge at least partially formed of a plurality of substantially straight surfaces totaling an odd number of substantially straight surfaces, a plurality of notches or a plurality of arcuate surfaces, said straight surfaces symmetrically oriented about said non-circular anti-rotation flange.

29. (Currently Amended) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said plurality of substantially straight surfaces each has substantially a same length and each substantially symmetrically oriented about said non-circular anti-rotation flange.

30. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein each of said substantially straight surfaces has two ends, a plurality of said substantially straight surfaces having at least one of said ends engaging an end of an adjacently positioned substantially straight surface.

31. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 29, wherein each of said substantially straight surfaces has two ends, a plurality of said substantially straight surfaces having at least one of said ends engaging an end of an adjacently positioned substantially straight surface.

32. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said upper mouth-forming portion includes a frustoconical transition portion extending between said substantially cylindrical sidewall portion and said neck, said neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

33. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 31, wherein said upper mouth-forming portion includes a frustoconical transition portion extending between said substantially cylindrical sidewall portion and said neck, said neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

34. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 32, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange is positioned between said frustoconical transition portion and said at least one thread.

35. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 33, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange is positioned between said frustoconical transition portion and said at least one thread.

36. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a heptagon.

37. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 35, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a heptagon.

38. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a champagne-type base.

39. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 37, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a champagne-type base.

40. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said plastic is polyethylene terephthalate.

41. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 39, wherein said plastic is polyethylene terephthalate.

42. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said container is for beverages.

43. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a pentagon.

44. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a nonagon.

45. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said anti-rotation flange includes at least one notch.

46. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 45, wherein said notch is V-shaped.

47. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 45, wherein said notch includes at least one arcuate surface.

48. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said lower base-forming portion includes a plurality of hollow foot-forming portions extending outwardly from a central portion of the lower base-forming portion to form a plurality of feet.

49. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 48, wherein each foot-forming portion increases circumferentially in size as it extends radially.

50. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 28, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a substantially flat base.

51. (Currently Amended) A molded plastic container comprising an upper mouth-forming portion, a lower base-forming portion and a substantially cylindrical sidewall portion extending between said upper mouth-forming portion and said lower base portion, said upper mouth-forming portion including a neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape and at least one thread to secure a cap to said upper mouth forming portion and a non-circular anti-rotation flange, said non-circular anti-rotation flange including an outer peripheral edge at least partially formed of a plurality of substantially straight surfaces totaling an odd number and a plurality of apexes totaling an odd number, each of said apexes formed by ends of two of said substantially straight surfaces that are positioned adjacent to one another, at least one of said apexes diametrically opposed from a center of at least one of said substantially straight surfaces, said anti-rotation flange at least partially extending outwardly from said neck and at least partially inhibiting full rotation of said container as a cap is inserted on said container.

52. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said plurality of substantially straight surfaces each having substantially a same length and each substantially symmetrically oriented about said non-circular anti-rotation flange.

53. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said upper mouth-forming portion includes a frustoconical transition portion extending between said substantially cylindrical sidewall portion and said neck, said neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

54. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 52, wherein said upper mouth-forming portion includes a frustoconical transition portion extending between said substantially cylindrical sidewall portion and said neck, said neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

55. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 53, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange is positioned between said frustoconical transition portion and said at least one thread.

56. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 54, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange is positioned between said frustoconical transition portion and said at least one thread.

57. (Currently Amended) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein at least ~~one~~ two of said apexes ~~[[is]]~~ are diametrically opposed from a center of at least ~~one~~ two of said substantially straight surfaces.

58. (Currently Amended) The plastic container as defined in claim 56, wherein at least ~~one~~ two of said apexes ~~[[is]]~~ are diametrically opposed from a center of at least ~~one~~ two of said substantially straight surfaces.

59. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a heptagon having seven substantially straight

surfaces and seven apexes, said substantially straight surfaces and apexes symmetrically oriented about said anti-rotation flange.

60. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 58, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a heptagon having seven substantially straight surfaces and seven apexes, said substantially straight surfaces and apexes symmetrically oriented about said anti-rotation flange.

61. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a champagne-type base.

62. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 60, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a champagne-type base.

63. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said plastic is polyethylene terephthalate.

64. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 62, wherein said plastic is polyethylene terephthalate.

65. (Previously Presented) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said container is for beverages.

66. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a pentagon.

67. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a nonagon.

68. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said anti-rotation flange includes at least one notch.

69. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 68, wherein said notch has a V-shape.

70. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 68, wherein said notch has at least one arcuate surface.

71. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said lower base-forming portion includes a plurality of hollow foot-forming portions extending outwardly from a central portion of the lower base-forming portion to form a plurality of feet.

72. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 71, wherein each foot-forming portion increases circumferentially in size as it extends radially.

73. (Withdrawn) The plastic container as defined in claim 51, wherein said lower

base-forming portion has a substantially flat base.

74. (New) A molded plastic container comprising an upper mouth-forming portion, a lower base-forming portion and a substantially cylindrical sidewall portion extending between said upper mouth-forming portion and said lower base portion, said upper mouth-forming portion including a neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape and at least one thread to secure a cap to said upper mouth forming portion and a non-circular anti-rotation flange, said anti-rotation flange at least partially extending outwardly from said neck and at least partially inhibiting full rotation of said container as a cap is inserted on said container, said non-circular anti-rotation flange including an outer peripheral edge at least partially formed of a plurality of substantially straight surfaces totaling an odd number, said plurality of substantially straight surfaces symmetrically oriented about said non-circular anti-rotation flange, each of said substantially straight surfaces having substantially a same length.

75. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 74, wherein each of said substantially straight surfaces has two ends, a plurality of said substantially straight surfaces having at least one of said ends engaging an end of an adjacently positioned substantially straight surface.

76. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 75, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange includes a plurality of apexes totaling an odd number, each of said apexes formed by ends of two of said substantially straight surfaces that are positioned adjacent to one another, at least two of said apexes diametrically opposed from a center of at least two of said substantially straight surfaces.

77. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 74, wherein each of said substantially straight surfaces has two ends, a plurality of said substantially straight surfaces having at least one of said ends portion adjacent to a notch in said non-circular anti-rotation flange.

78. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 74, wherein each of said substantially straight surfaces has two ends, a plurality of said substantially straight surfaces having at least one of said ends portion adjacent to a curvilinear indentation in said non-circular anti-rotation flange.

79. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 76, wherein said upper mouth-forming portion includes a frustoconical transition portion extending between said substantially cylindrical sidewall portion and said neck, said neck having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape.

80. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 79, wherein said non-circular anti-rotation flange is positioned between said frustoconical transition portion and said at least one thread.

81. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 80, wherein said anti-rotation flange has an outer perimeter in a shape of a heptagon having seven substantially straight surfaces and seven apexes.

82. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 81, wherein said lower base-forming portion has a champagne-type base.

83. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 82, wherein said plastic is polyethylene terephthalate.

84. (New) The plastic container as defined in claim 83, wherein said container is for beverages.